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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 26-29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,7,8,15,21,22 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-6,9-14,16-20,23 and 24 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. After further consideration, a new ground of rejection has been made and accordingly applicant's arguments with respect to the claims are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Response to Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 7, 8, 15, 21, 22, 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hsu USPN 6,794,936 in view of Strait USPN 6,438,186. Here is how the references teach the claims:

4. As per claims 1, 15, 25: (a) receiving an input signal (Hsu figs. 1, 2: Un; input into 14, 62); and (b) applying frequency-dependent phase pre-distortion to the input signal to generate a pre-distorted output signal (Hsu figs. 1, 2: 14, 62, 82; DETX6 col. 5 lines 20-23: "The equalizer 82 adjusts the amplitude and/or phase over frequency of the predistorted signal": adjustment of phase of predistortion based on frequency), wherein the frequency dependent phase pre-distortion (Hsu fig. 2: 62, 82; DETX6 col. 5 lines 20-23: "The equalizer 82 adjusts the amplitude and/or phase over frequency of the predistorted signal": adjustment of phase of predistortion based on frequency) is based on at least one corresponding phase difference between at least one

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pair of critical frequencies (not in Hsu but would be obvious as explained below), such that, when the pre-distorted output signal is applied to an amplifier to generate the amplified signal (Hsu fig. 2: 66), the frequency-dependent phase pre-distortion reduces spurious emissions in the amplified signal (Hsu col. 5 lines 20-30).

5. Hsu does not teach one corresponding phase difference between at least one pair of critical frequencies. Strait teaches one corresponding phase difference between at least one pair of critical frequencies (Strait col. 4 lines 30-32: "phase difference between the frequencies f_1 and f_2 "; col. 4 lines 51-53: phase difference between 2 adjacent carriers; col. 4 lines 1-2: carriers are at frequencies). It would have been obvious to combine since Hsu teaches distortion (something broad) in general while Strait teaches the beneficial use of phase difference between frequencies in the area of distortion such as phase distortion associated with modulation of data onto a carrier (Strait col. 2 lines 57-58) having different phases at different frequencies (Strait cols. 2-5).

6. As per claims 7, 21, Hsu teaches baseband (Hsu fig. 1).

7. As per claims 8, 22, Hsu teaches RF (Hsu col. 2 line 46).

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 2-6, 9-14, 16-20, 23-24 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

9. Claims 26, 28 are allowed. See prior action(s) for details.


10. Claims 27, 29 are allowed because the art of record does not suggest the respective claim combinations together and nor would the respective claim combinations be obvious with part d.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pankaj Kumar whose telephone number is (571) 272-3011. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri after 8AM to after 6:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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